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A stylized logo for the TV show 'Men in Moscow'. The word 'MEN' is in large, bold, block letters. Below it, 'IN MOSCOW' is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. At the bottom, 'moscow' is written in a large, lowercase, sans-serif font, and 'NEW!' is written in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font below it. The entire logo is set against a dark, textured background.

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This shot was taken by our photo correspondent Boris Kavtoun at the Soviet pavilion of the "Expo-64" International exhibition currently going on in Moscow. Read more about it on p. 7.

DANIEL ORTEGA: NO DIALOGUE WITH SOMOZA MEN

Managua. The criminal aggression by the USA will fail to deter the advance by the Sandinista National Liberation Front along the road to revolutionary change in the interests of the masses in Nicaragua, claimed here member of the Front national leadership, Coordinator of the Sailing Council, Daniel Ortega. Speaking in connection with the start of the election campaign to the country, he noted that the Reagan administration was planning further escalation of the dirty war against the people of Nicaragua.

Under the circumstances, he stressed, Nicaragua is taking a most cautious and responsible

approach in its talks with the USA. We do not want new losses now being suffered by the Nicaraguan people owing to the criminal US policies, which is why the Nicaraguan Government desires a political settlement and an end to the war farced on the country by Washington. Yet the Front and the Revolutionary Government, Ortega stressed, would never agree to a dialogue with the Somoza thugs which is being pressed for by the Reagan administration and the reactionary elements in America obedient to it. Such demands, he stressed, are abusive to our people.

Washington's unseemly game

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like to substitute talks on non-militarization of space with the former, declaring at the same time that issues concerning space weapons have a relatively little significance.

Thus whatever aspect of Washington's stand is analyzed, the conclusion is self-evident. This position makes space talks

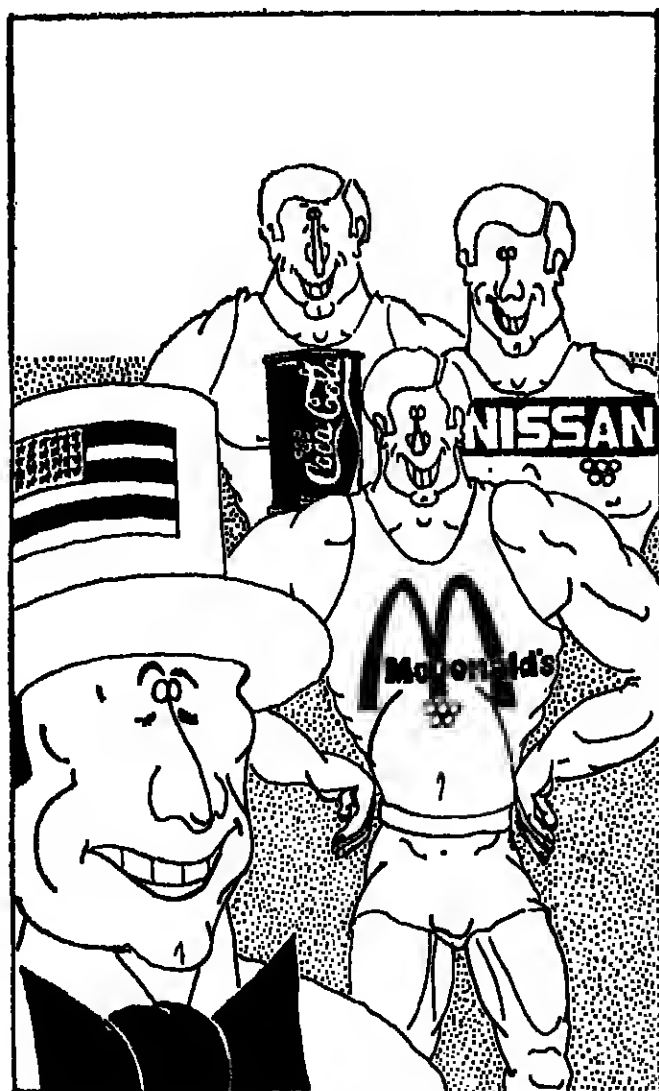
impossible. And the fact that there is now an unseemly propaganda play around this issue demonstrates again the irresponsible approach of the American administration to the problem of curbing the arms race, its unwillingness to hold honest and serious talks, reluctance to agree on matters of vital significance for the whole of mankind.

Greece angered by U.S. invective

Athens. In the light of on-going American press attacks against the policy of the Greek Government, Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu has demanded an explanation from US Ambassador to Greece Montague Siemas. After their talk government spokesman D. Matsoukas told the press that Papandreu called the ambassador's attention to the unseemly practices of the American press.

The slanderous campaign against Athens was patently incited by the Reagan administration. The White House is irritated by the policy of the government of the Panhellenic So-

cialist Movement (PASOK) which is critical of Washington's militaristic and adventurist line in Central America and other parts of the world. The Reagan administration is particularly maddened by the fact that Greece openly denounces the continuing deployment in Britain, Italy and West Germany of new American first-strike nuclear missiles targeted at the USSR and other socialist countries. According to the Athens-based "Ta Nea" newspaper, the American press has let loose a campaign of slander against Greece.



These lads have long beater oil records.

Drawing by Dmitry Voronov

CYCLING FOR PEACE

London. A Cycle for Peace race sponsored by the British anti-war organization, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, will cover nearly 400 kilometres all the way to the docks of the Cumbria County where the Conservative government has authorized an early construction of new nuclear-powered submarines.

The itinerary of the race staged in protest over the war build-up by the Tory Cabinet will pass through areas housing American military bases. There the participants will stage mass rallies with broad participation by members of the anti-war movement in nearby towns, settlements and tent "peace camps" erected close to the bases.

American scientists warn

New York. In the US, anxiety grows over the preparations by the Reagan administration for nuclear war.

A group of prominent scientists, including Professor Sagan of Cornell University, Professor J. Pollack of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, have issued a joint study in which they convincingly deplore the House concept of accelerating a nuclear conflict by disrupting any ability of winning out of the war, stresses the study, which comes a catastrophe in the world.

Even if less than half the world's economy is destroyed, the document, which is in the East, will be covered with smoke screens through which rays will be unable to penetrate for months. As a result, the Earth may drop its temperature on the new water and soil will be frozen which will lead to the destructive consequences for the environment.

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USA and China to blame

Phnom Penh. Kampuchean minister Hun Sen has blamed the USA and China for the continued tensions in Asia, in an interview with a Vietnamese newspaper "Tuoi

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PEACE FORUM IN JAPAN

Mr. Miki's prime goal is to prevent nuclear war and to achieve a complete prohibition of nuclear weapons, stresses the Declaration adopted by the international conference for disarmament for nuclear weapons.

At the Tokyo Peace Forum, which was attended by 37 countries and 11 international organizations, the Japanese government has issued a declaration against the aggressive policy of the Reagan administration, which is preparing the nuclear war, stresses the study, which comes a catastrophe in the world.

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CRIMINAL ACTION

Two ships belonging to the GDR have been damaged by Israeli forces in the sea. The Israeli forces have also destroyed the ship's engine.

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Thousands of angry Delhians demonstrated outside the US Embassy to protest US-military plans aimed at splitting Indian territory. Photo UPI-TASS

PALESTINE CELL INMATES ON STRIKE

Amin. Thousands of Palestinian prisoners in the Israeli occupation zone are being systematically tortured and abused, which draws much protest from them. At the Israeli Ascalon prison they started a disobedience campaign refusing to work. According to the Jordan "Ad-Dustur" paper, the maltreatment, terrible conditions, meagre rations and lack of elementary medical care have repeatedly forced the inmates to resort to strike action and other kinds of protest. In Ascalon and other Israeli prisons they demand an end to such practices.

Uruguay: CRISIS DRAWING CLOSER

Buenos Aires. Complying with the wishes of the International Monetary Fund, the authorities in Uruguay have passed some economic austerity measures, which have split the navy privation for the people. Housing costs have gone up nearly 30 per cent — and they already account for up to 50 per cent of the family budget. The organization of Uruguayan tenants has pointed out that the measure has resulted in seven of every ten families being unable to pay the rent. The measure is but one aspect of the rising cost of living nationwide. The latest figures indicate that in late June prices shot up by 36 per cent over the same period last year, while real earnings have declined by 15 per cent. Over this period electricity bills rocketed by 71 per cent and gas bills by 77.8 per cent, while the utilities cost rises have averaged 150 per cent. The cost of fuel has been growing fast, as prices of diesel fuel and kerosene have more than doubled, seriously affecting the position of small and middle farmers.

Science and technology

WHY DOLPHINS JUMP OUT OF WATER?

Many people think that dolphins jump out of ecstasy. However, zoologist Robert Blake of the University of British Columbia does not agree to this view. By means of a mathematical model worked out by him and his colleagues, he has shown that the application of heat mobilizes the protective abilities of the organism enabling it to control the disease.

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ALLERGY CURED BY HEAT

Allergy is a widespread disease. Its treatment becomes difficult because it is complicated to reveal the allergen. It can be caused by anything from a flower pollen to modern plastic materials. Paris physicians have suggested that the disease can be cured by heat. They applied warm and humid air to the upper respiratory ducts and after two days of inhalation therapy disappeared in 75 out of 100 patients, whereas patients treated by traditional methods re-

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THREAT TO EUROPE BREWING OVERSEAS

In an article published in the NEW TIMES magazine, Vladimir Zagladin stresses that there is a threat to peace in Europe but opinions differ on whence this threat.

The West asserts this threat comes from the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, which are allegedly preparing for aggression.

The entire NATO strategy is rooted in this premise — outflanking some "Soviet threat" and thinking of how to repel it.

Paradoxically, in non-parliamentary language, but hardly anyone could ever think of a bigger foolishness than the myth of the Soviet threat. Indeed, could anyone prove of any time that the Soviet Union and its allies have ever entertained an idea as a plan for attacking the West? Have Soviet troops ever entered the territory of a West European country after that to defend their own country and repel aggression?

If there does exist a threat of war now, it is only the threat of American war against socialism — a war in which the European nations are given the role of a first-attack launching pad. In other words, the critical aspect of the present military threat to Europe as distinct from the past is that it has overseas rather than European origins, the article emphasizes.

PEACE TO INDIAN OCEAN

PRAVDA points out that the shift the ships of which have been observed at the latest session of the UN Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean should be promoted and encouraged in every way. But judging from speeches of representatives of the United States and its allies, the West has not renounced its efforts to set up obstacles on the road to the Colombo forum, which was being postponed through their fault since 1981. The US administration in actual fact gave the green light to an unprecedented build-up of US military presence in the Indian Ocean.

The Soviet Union has firmly and consistently supported the proposal of non-aligned countries on the transformation of the Indian Ocean into a zone of peace. The Soviet representative at the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean said that the Soviet Union favoured immediate practical measures, without waiting for the conference, to lessen tensions in the Indian Ocean, and urged all the ships whose ships navigate it to refrain from any steps which could complicate the situation in the region.

PLAYING WITH FIRE NEAR OIL WELLS

Using mounting intensity in the hostilities between Iran and Iraq and the spread of the military conflict to the Persian Gulf, the USA has been trying to consolidate its positions in the Arab world, to isolate the concern of the Arab oil producers for their future and to force closer military cooperation among them, writes IZVESTIA.

Particular pressure has been mounted on Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain. The Reagan administration wants them to take preliminary measures in preparation for such military cooperation using some elements of the rapid deployment force. The USA would like the Saudis to grant it the use of the air base of Dhahran in the Eastern Province for its rapid deployment force, and the use of the chief airport in Bahrain.

Yet these Arab countries would not go so far as to let a foreign power, a "heavenly ally", the use of their territory as its bases. The Arabs have learnt long ago what such Washington advances may lead to, the paper points out.

REVANCHISM IN WEST GERMANY

KRASNOYA ZVEZDA takes issue with those West German politicians who claim that there is no revanchism in West Germany. To prove its point, the paper specifically points to the "alliance of the banished", which has 2,500,000 members and affiliates 22 "associations of fellow-countrymen", 11 "land groups", 450 districts and 2,000 regional organizations. The "banished" have a strong propaganda machine of 300 papers with a total print of 1,500,000 copies. The leaders of this and some other organizations try to instill revanchist and militaristic views in the "charges", openly demanding for the "German issue to remain open" and a revision of the post-war borders, as was the case at recent reunions of the "Sudet Germans" in Munich and the "Upper Silesia Germans" in Essen.

No one has ever believed that the revanchists speak for the whole of the West German population. But it is still a fact that revanchists do exist in West Germany and, moreover, are sleeping up their campaign.

OF INTEREST

Getting away from it all at home

A questionnaire circulated by the Japanese Institute for public opinion studies asked men and women over the age of 15 to name their favourite form of domestic relaxation. The results of the poll, which showed that people put information and entertainment first, surprised experts. Thirty-seven per cent gave preference to watching the telly and 20 per cent — to reading newspapers. Then came

Flying hooligan

Residents in a district of Melbourne (Australia) were beside themselves with rage, every morning the tyres of their cars were punctured. As were the police unsuccessful in their efforts to find the culprit, the car owners decided to organize an all-night watch. For three nights, though they could hear the sound of air gushing forth from the tyres, they failed to catch

Insomnia record

Jaime Parnades, a pensioner from the Spanish city of Sevilla, has been unable to sleep even for an hour for the past 50 years. No doctor has been able to help Jaime overcome his insomnia and therefore when he goes to bed, he puts on his earphones and listens to the radio till morning.

VIEWPOINT

Vladimir TARAYAN

134 SIGNATURES AND ONE REFUSAL

The toughening of American foreign policy with the coming of Reagan into the White House, its refusal to accept mutually beneficial international cooperation and to respect international treaties and recourse to active imperialist military blackmail have had their imprint on US policy with regard to the World Ocean.

Under the Reagan administration the USA has refused to sign the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, which has gathered 134 signatures and 12 ratifications. Washington is leaving no stone unturned to try to undermine the Convention, specifically the mode of mining deep-sea resources and to draw its allies into a separate system of mining in circumvention of this Convention.

The Reagan administration is scored by the fact that by the introduction of a uniform maritime legal practice concerning shipping, fishing and scientific re-

search on the high seas, in territorial waters, straits, economic zones, mining of resources in economic zones, and by setting regulations for a peaceful settlement of disputes, the Convention promotes stability and peace on the seas and the development of normal economic cooperation — something that would limit the freedom of manoeuvre for the Reagan administration in its hegemonistic policy in the World Ocean.

The oceans have a special place in the plans of the Reagan administration, which sees its naval forces as a critical tool of its foreign policy, which is in fact a policy of state terrorism, blackmail and military intimidation. The USA pursues this policy only in violation of all aspects of the international law at sea — not only those listed in the UN Conventions but also in the 1958 Geneva Conventions to which the USA is still a party.

Thus, in autumn 1983 the USA

illegally proclaimed a 50-mile exclusive zone around Granada. In late 1983 the USA arbitrarily declared vast areas at the Mediterranean, close to the Lebanese shores, a zone of dangerous US naval operations, unilaterally establishing a special regime violating free shipping.

An extremely dangerous aspect of US state terrorism are actions against foreign ships in the waters close to shores of Nicaragua, and even its ports. The mines and other explosive devices planted there have already blasted several ships. Of course, these actions were condemned by the International Court of Justice which demanded immediate cessation. Also there have been cases of armed attacks against foreign ships bound for Nicaraguan ports and illegal questioning of captains of ships headed for Nicaragua by American warships on the high seas.

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While violating this principle of the shores of Granada, Lebanon and Nicaragua, the White House has at the same time cynically used it to cover up its illegal claims to the Persian Gulf as yet another area of America's "vital interests". Scores of American warships and planes are on constant patrol in that area. In contravention of the 1958 Geneva Conventions and the Convention on International Civil Aviation, the USA has arbitrarily set regulations governing flights of foreign civil aircraft and passage of ships in the Persian Gulf — regulations more restrictive than even those operating in the waters under US jurisdiction.

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HOME NEWS

Round the Soviet Union

● THE PSKOV AND CHUD LAKES HAVE OFFERED A GOOD CATCH OF WHITE FISH SURPASSING THE FORECASTS OF FISHERMEN AND FISH EXPERTS. The bumper catch becomes possible due to environmental protection measures taken by the city of Pskov—biological purification of wastes and local purification installations at large industrial establishments.

● A 5 km TRAIN WEIDING 25 THOUSAND TONNES IS NOW RUNNING ON THE NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAYS. Its three hundred cars pulled by six locomotives carried equipment, fuel and timber, introduction of superheavy trains is viewed as an effective means of increasing hauling capacity of Soviet railways.

● WEATHER EXPERTS AND RESEARCHERS AT THE INSTITUTE OF THE ARCTIC AND ANTARCTIC ARE NOW WORKING IN THE FRAZAR-JOSEPH LAKE AREA. They were brought here by the "Olo 3hmidt" icebreaker research ship, the only one of its kind in the world, which was specially built in Leningrad five years ago for navigation in the northernmost areas of the Arctic Ocean.

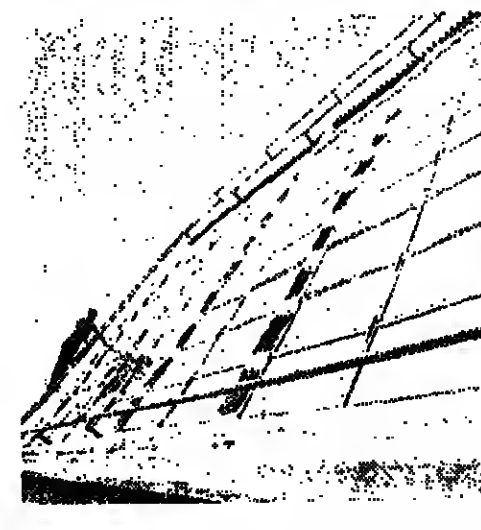
Nutrient granules

Experiments in Latvia (a Soviet Baltic republic) have worked out a technology for the extrusion production of special fish-feeding granules. Fish food has acquired new properties. The granules resemble pop corn. They sink to the bottom slowly. Fish has plenty of time to catch them while they float. Each kilogram of the costly food is thereby saved. The new technology is being tested on the Karelia Collective Fishery. The cost of feeding each kg of newly bred fish has been reduced by almost 75 per cent.

New technology and special recipes have been worked out for carp andurgeon. A plant will be built in Rezekne which will manufacture 30,000 tonnes of extrusion granules a year.

The improvement of combined feed for fish will help Latvia to grow more than 8,000 tonnes of fish in inland reservoirs.

SOLNTSE IN DAGHESTAN



The Institute of High Temperatures of the USSR Academy of Sciences is to set up a scientific centre, called Solntse (Sun), in Daghestan, Northern Caucasus, to harness the autonomous republic's abundant sunshine for domestic use. It will be a testing ground. Two experimental houses with solar heating systems are designed by Soviet specialists and the other by their Austrian colleagues have already been built. Other houses of various designs will rise alongside them to help determine the types of houses in which solar energy can be effectively used for heating and the supply of hot water. The Daghestan Institute has set up a special department charged with the designing of houses and other buildings with solar systems throughout Daghestan.

In the near future the republic will be using solar energy to promote its economic development.

● A sea-bathed house built by Austrians.

● A stand for testing solar energy collectors.

Siberian gas comes to the Urals

A gas pipeline, Urengoi-Centre 1, is being laid on the territory of the Perm Region. Steel pipes, almost 140 km long, will help Siberian gas to reach the Perm Heat and Power Station which is going up and will be the biggest in the European part of the USSR.

Having crossed the Ural Mountains, five transcontinental gas pipelines have been extended through the region. Gas coming from Western Siberia has given a powerful impetus to the development of the power industry in the West Ural. The biggest regional heat and power station (No. 9) was quickly switched over to the new, ecologically pure fuel.

In the past the station consumed nearly half a million tonnes of fuel oil every year. Branches ran out from the trunk-line towards three more important heating stations in the region. This has already proved to be extremely economical. The Perm Heat and Power Station

Grapes in a desert

The first grapes are being picked in the Arkinskaya Desert in Kirghizia, one of the Central Asian republics of the USSR. Each hectare has yielded up to four tonnes.

The grape-growing farm has been established on a large plateau crisscrossed by 40 km of canals. Irrigation experts have prepared thousands of hectares of land and have laid a ramified network of underground irrigation installations with mobile hydrants. A cascade of pumping stations leads water from the Syrdarya River.

The state farms which are being built in the region receive plots of land perfectly suitable for growing vegetables, fodder and grapes. In the near future the area under cultivation will reach about 6,000 hectares.

A grapevine nursery has been planted in order to supply

saplings to the whole region. Many of the grape varieties mature one or two years before their usual time in the most favourable climatic conditions. The yields and quantity of the grapes are in no way inferior to the latest Georgian and Moldavian varieties.

All this will make it possible to increase grape output almost by half in the current five-year plan period (1981-1985).

A FILTER FOR CITY DRAINAGE

A system for purification of rain and snow water has been designed in Kharkov, an industrial centre in the Ukraine. Streams of such water, flushing a lot of dirt, salts and other substances from city streets and from the territories of industrial enterprises, represent the greatest source of environmental pollution.

The new automatic installation Avtoprep-25 processes the city drainage waters in special tanks. Next the water passes through a layer of polymerethene crumb whose line

A RAILWAY TO BE BUILT IN THE CAUCASUS

The Politburo of the Central Committee has approved the suggestion by the Council of Ministers of the USSR on the Caucasus railway. The line is a mountainous route for decades, having been considered for a long time, although it will have to be dug through the Caucasus Range. The route passing through the Caucasus is more convenient and can pay for itself.

The railway will be an artery of complex geological and climatic conditions. Over 50 km of the line is a mountainous route, crossing steep slopes, deep gorges and high mountains. The route will make unnecessary the long and difficult journey from Moscow to the Caucasus. The new railway will be a link between the Caucasus and the rest of the country. It will be a link between the Caucasus and the rest of the country. It will be a link between the Caucasus and the rest of the country.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Theatre, Cinema and TV Stars

NADEZHDA PAVLOVA



In June, shortly before the end of the Bolshoi Ballet season, Nadzha Pavlova and her constant partner Vyacheslav Gortyayev danced Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" for the first time. Pavlova is often asked why she did not perform in "Swan Lake" earlier and her reply has always been that she had not had enough preparation, that it was too early.

The part of Odette and Odile is like a life-or-death paper, like a serious exam which has to be passed with flying colours. It is a ballerina can cope with this part she is a "prima". Nadzha Pavlova's time came in the autumn of 1954, eleven years after she became the "talk of the town" as a rising star. She was a great success at the International Ballet Competition in Moscow. At that time she had just graduated from the best but one term at the Ballet School in Perm. She became famous before she became a professional ballerina.

Pavlova says she loved to dance even as a child. Once her parents were preparing to go to the theatre and wanted to leave her at home. She began to dance, finding no words to inspire them to take her along.

She loved dancing but did not even dream of becoming a professional dancer. There was no ballet school in Cherepovets, her native town. So she joined a dance group. This is where she attracted the attention of teachers of the Perm Ballet School.

At the 1973 International Ballet Competition Vyacheslav Gortyayev became her partner. They met again two years later when Pavlova received an invitation to join the company of the Bolshoi Ballet. By that time Vyacheslav Gortyayev had become a soloist. Since then they have never separated, not only on stage but also in family life. They got married in November 1975, and the wedding celebrations took place after one of their performances. The ballet they had danced that evening was Pavlova's first role at the Bolshoi Theatre. It was Adam's "Giselle".

Years have slipped by. New roles have appeared in her repertoire: "The Nutcracker", "The Sleeping Beauty", "Romeo and Juliet", "Spartacus", "The Love Legend"... This debut in "Swan Lake" is the thirteenth.

Svetlana DROZDOVA

5th International Writers Conference in Sofia

The 5th International Writers Conference will take place in Sofia on October 23-25. These meetings in Sofia uphold the traditions of the powerful anti-fascist movement for peace in which such outstanding writers as Alexander Fedayev, Alexei Tolstoy, Ernest Hemingway, Paul Eluard, Louis Aragon, Henri Barbusse and Anna Seghers took part.

The conference, the most representative to have been held since the end of World War II, will be attended by over 120 prominent authors from more than 40 countries. Apart from the problem of peace, a major issue of our time, the participants will discuss various questions relating to the further development of literature.

FACTS and EVENTS

Films. The Tajik film director, T. Sabirov, is shooting a widescreened, stereophonic colour film "The Night of the Sheherazade", based on famous Oriental fairy tales.

YAKUB KOLAS THEATRE IN MOSCOW

The Yakub Kolas Byelorussian State Theatre has opened guest performances in Moscow. Yakub Kolas, after whom the theatre is named, was one of the most famous poets of Byelorussia. "Symphony of the Musician", one of his most famous poems, became an inspiration to many musicians, painters and film makers. A ballet full of music, songs and dances and based on this poem will be presented by the theatre company.

The theatre will also stage "The Duel", a new production based on a play by Nikolai Matukovsky and devoted to the 40th anniversary of the Soviet people's victory over fascist Germany.

An exhibition from Nicaragua

• Juozas Beer, "A Village Madonna from Braun Bank".
• Manuel Cereia, "A National Holiday".



An exhibition of Nicaraguan paintings and drawings has been mounted at the Central Artists Club.

More than 60 works reflect the chief tendencies in the line arts of the country which is reaching along a road of democratic development. Artists in Nicaragua are deeply concerned by important social problems, history, and the task of safeguarding national wealth and the environment.

A delegation of artists from Nicaragua was present during the opening ceremony.

The exhibition is open daily, except Monday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Address: 10/14 Krymky Val.

HERMITAGE EXHIBITIONS

THIS YEAR LENINGRAD HERMITAGE MUSEUM HAS CELEBRATED ITS 220th BIRTHDAY. This is what its Deputy Director V. Shulayev says:

The exhibitions held by the museum come from its own collections and also museums abroad. Our museum has more than 2,700,000 objects of art. One of our aims is to show all of those cultural and art treasures which cannot be included in our permanent displays. We prepare these temporary exhibitions not only for Hermitage visitors but also for different museums in our country.

International cultural and scientific contacts are becoming increasingly extensive. Museums hold pride of place in this respect. Hermitage is one of the chief participants in international cultural contacts. There is a long-term agreement between our museum and the famous Uffizi Gallery in Florence which

hosts of a greatest collection of Italian Renaissance masterpieces. This year we shall exchange one-painting exhibitions of world-famous masterpieces. We shall send to Italy our "The Benois Madonna" (Madonna with a Flower) by Leonardo da Vinci. Visitors to the Hermitage will be able to see Botticelli's "Minerva Training Centaur".

In autumn we shall open our first exhibition from Munich — "Masterpieces of West European Paintings From Alto Pinakothek". Simultaneously an exhibition of the Hermitage masterpieces at Scythian and Sarmatian art will open in Munich.

A considerable event in our cultural life will be an exhibition of old paintings from a gallery in Dresden.

International tours for rural ensemble

"Iskra" is the name of a collective farm in the Kirov Region in the north of the European part of Russia. It is also the name of the farm's amateur song and dance ensemble which has recently given very successful performances at Oslo's biggest exhibition centre. There was enthusiastic applause for the Russian folk songs and dances. The ensemble got on equally good reception in Italy, Japan, the GDR and other countries.

Its leader is Alexandra Prokshina, a former soloist with the famous State Pyatnitsky Russian Folk Choir. This, of course, goes a long way towards explaining the ensemble's success but another all-important factor is the generally high level of amateur artistic activities in the country. More than 16 million people take part in the activities of

various amateur artistic groups which are to be found mainly at houses and Palaces of Culture run by industrial enterprises, educational establishments, offices, and so on, in cities, towns and rural localities, all over the country. The artistic standards of dance ensembles, and even amateur theatres, are frequently almost as high as those of professional groups.

Altogether there are more than 140,000 amateur groups in the Soviet Union. All are financed by their respective trade unions and administrative. Training is provided free of charge.

Many outstanding professional performers began their careers in such groups.

BUSINESS

'GEOEXPO' AND 'GEOKARTA' IN PROGRESS

Timed to coincide with the 27th International Geological Congress in Moscow, the International shows "Geological and geophysical equipment and instruments" — "GEOEXPO-84", and "Books and maps on geology" — "GEOKARTA-84" have opened in the Krasnaya Pressa exhibition complex. Taking part are over 160 firms, institutions and organizations from 21 countries, among them the USSR. The Soviet display, the largest at the show, was co-sponsored by 25 ministries and departments.

The Soviet section at the "GEOEXPO-84" features over 400 items of prospecting equipment and stands tracing Soviet achievements in the geological sciences, cartography, prospecting for and evaluation of mineral resources and prospecting equipment and methods.

Under Soviet power over 16,000 commercial deposits of basic minerals have been dis-

covered in the USSR. The USSR has the world's biggest reserves of some principal minerals like coal, iron and manganese ores, natural gas, etc.

The stands describe geological and geophysical regional studies of the hypogene structure and geodynamics of the lithosphere and processes used to forecast the potential of solid mineral pockets, opportunities offered by high-altitude and spacecraft in studying natural resources, research into the World Ocean, etc.

At "GEOEXPO-84" foreign firms from 17 nations display over 800 specimens of geoscientific equipment and devices. The "GEOKARTA-84" exhibit reflects geocartographic achievements by geological and specialist firms from 13 countries. There is also a large display of geological books published in between the 26th and the 27th Geological Congresses.

A new instrument of cooperation

The inauguration of a Centre for Business Cooperation between Australia and the Soviet Union sponsored by the Council of Australian Industry facilitating over 50,000 local companies and supported by the USSR Chamber of Commerce and Industry opens up fresh opportunities for furthering Soviet-Australian economic cooperation.

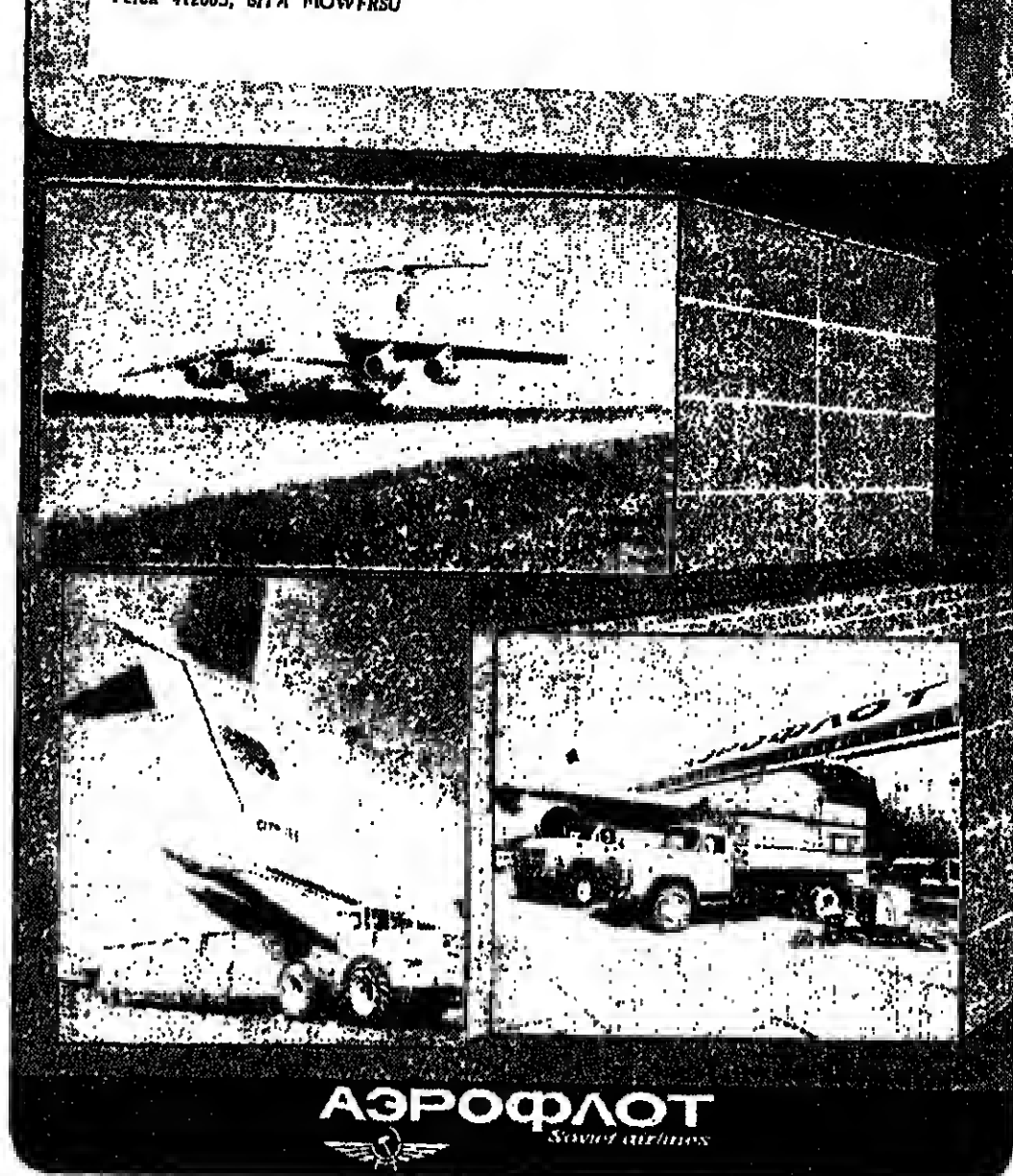
An agreement signed in Melbourne by Consolidation and the Chamber officials states that the Council will work to promote friendship and understanding between our two peoples and advance their trade, economic, scientific, technical, tourist and cultural relations.



Selvia Enterprise Co., Ltd. of Japan demonstrating their equipment.
Photo by Andrei Knyazev

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Cooperators' contacts with Belgium

The 1984 trade turnover of V/O Soyuzkooptneftorg with Belgium partners will reach close to 80 million dollars. This has been revealed by a spokesman for this export-import cooperators' agency. Last year's sales were approximately at the same level.

The Soviet Union supplies the Belgian market with fruit and berries, honey, salted mushrooms, pumpkin seed, medical and technical primary materials, horns and hooves, and certain types of textile waste.

According to Soyuzkooptneftorg, trade relations with Belgium partners have remained quite stable over many years. Every year exhibitions of Soviet cooperatives' output are held there. Commodities exported by Soyuzkooptneftorg are sold in one of the biggest shops in Brussels known as "Russian House".

Belgian firms supply the Soviet market with various consumer goods: clothes, woollens, underwear, shoes, and so on.

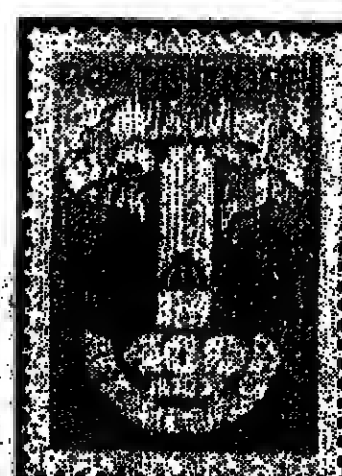
AN AGREEMENT WITH A CUBAN ENTERPRISE

The V/O Lencinorg has revealed that an agreement on modifying a rolling mill at the Jose Marti metallurgical plant in Cuba has been signed. Once modernized it will have a doubled production capacity.

Philately

Arkhangelsk anniversary

The USSR Ministry of Communications has issued a postage stamp to mark the 400th anniversary of Arkhangelsk, a big industrial and cultural centre in the north of the European part of our country. At the end of the 16th century, Arkhangelsk, Russia's first seaport, became the chief centre for trade with foreign merchants. The stamp costs 5 kopeks.



WHAT'S ON!

August 7-10

THEATRES

Kremlin Palace of Congresses (Kramlins). Performances by the Moscow Classical Ballet ensemble: 8 — "The Mischief of Terpsichore" (to music by Stravinsky and other composers); 10 — Petrov, "The Creation of the World".

Operetta Theatre (Pushkinskaya St.) Guest performances of the Pushkin Opera and Ballet Theatre from Gorky: 7 — Adam, "Giselle" (ballet); 8 — Gershwin, "Porgy and Bess" (opera); 9 — Amirov, "A Thousand and One Nights" (ballet); 10 — Doublovin, "The Feast During the Plague" (opera).

Moscow Chamber Musical Theatre (71 Leningradsky Prospekt). 8 — Tsvetkov, "Count Cellostov"; 10 — Pashkevich, "The Miser".

Mayakovskiy Theatre (19 Herten St.). 8 — Volodin, "The Lizard"; 9 — Williams, "A Streetcar Named Desire"; 10 — Brezhnevskiy, Ryzhakov, "Kinsfolk".

FILMS

Hostage (Tajikistan Studio). About the escape of a counter-revolutionary gang in Tajikistan during the 20s.

Cinema: "Tadzhikistan" (8 Marabala Kalukova). Metro Park Kultury. 14/2 Preobrazhenskaya St. Metro Preobrazhenskaya St. Shabab (Pakistan).

About a young girl seduced by her rich master. Cinema: "Vityaz" (27/2 Mikheevskaya St.). Metro Park Kultury.

EXHIBITIONS

Museum of Art of Oriental Peoples (16 Obukhov St.). Exhibition of Kirghizia in the 20th Century. Over 200 items of traditional Kirghiz art — ware, fabrics, leather and wood articles, embroidery, jewelry. Daily, except Monday, 11 a.m. till 7 p.m. Metro Park Kultury, trolleybus 8 and 19.

CONCERT HALLS

Gorky Central Park of Culture and Recreation, Green Theatre (Metro Park Kultury). 8, 9, 10 — "Meetings at the Nesukhny area directed by M. Zlotnikov, winner of the International festival of circus art.

SPORTS

Football. Lenin Central Stadium. 7 — Moscow Spartak vs Leningrad Zenit. 7 p.m.

In the first leg of the USSR championships Spartak outplayed Zenit 2-0.

RUGBY

Mill Stadium (27 Novozavolskaya St.). 8 — International tournament for the "Sotalskieskaya Industriya" prize. USSR-2 vs Poland. 6 p.m.

RACING

Hippodrome (22 Begovaya St.). 8 and 10. Racing and trotting. 6 p.m. (daily).

WEATHER

August 7-10

In Moscow, city and region, sunny and dry. N. wind, 3-7 mps. Night temperatures of +14°C, rising to +21°C-26°C during the day.

Heavy rainfalls in the Belkel area, with big floods in some tributaries of the Amur River.

State Bank of the USSR

Foreign exchange quotations as per August 1, 1984

Currency	Quotations in rubles
Australian dollar	68.82
Austrian schilling	108.48
Canadian dollar	63.19
Danish krone	7.87

English pound	100	108.72
Swedish Finnish marka	100	13.77
French franc	100	9.36
FRG mark	100	28.71
(Deutsche mark)	100	7.23
Indian rupee	100	4.67
Italian lire	10,000	5.08
Spanish peseta	1,000	83.15
US dollar	100	

TRANSPORT HOURS

Metro 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fare 5 kopeks. Trolleybuses 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fare 4 kopeks. Buses 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fare 5 kopeks. Taxis 24-hour service. Twenty kopeks on the meter to begin plus 30 kopeks per kilometre. Ordering a cab 24-hour service. Telephone 225-80-00. Communal cabs (over 40 routes in the city) 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fare 15 kopeks.